

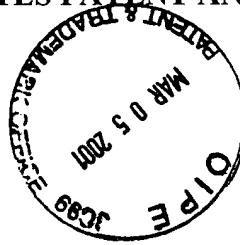
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Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant herewith calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of an Notice of the Reasons for the Rejection mailed on December 5, 2000 with respect to related counterpart Japanese Application No. HEI 10-372959 (along with an English language translation) is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-247179, along with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191010, along with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-150462, along with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-107836, along with an English language Abstract; and

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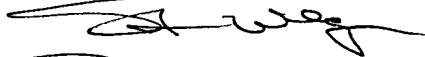
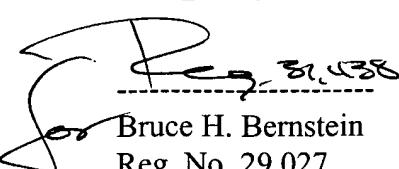
The relevancy of each document is discussed in the Notice of the Reasons for the Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and cite the above-mentioned documents. Copies of these documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the same to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. Further, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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